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1. Jim Garrison telephoned and left this message:

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██████ has agreed to build the seventh floor of the apartment house in ██████ and will furnish us seven apartments. They are agreeable to accept money in Fiscal Year 1963 or 1964. The Agency informally told them to include this in the contract. The paper for securing this money is in the process of being coordinated with FE Division and the Comptroller. We are assured of the seven apartments in the building."

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2. General ██████ said that he heard a rumor that he was being considered as a replacement for Dr. Stewart, who has recently resigned from a position at the White House. ██████ said he was not interested and, if approached, would take the position that his health would not allow him to accept this position.

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3. General ██████ discussed with me a proposal to ask the Department of Defense to earmark space at ██████ for our emergency use to accommodate our communications school which undoubtedly will be evicted from the ██████. We should try to do this. If we are ever to undertake any construction to meet this requirement, I think it should be done at ██████. ██████ said that he had talked to the Office of Training about this, and they were very reluctant to give the communications school any space. (I doubt seriously if this is a sound position.)

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4. Mr. Charles Conrad, Acting Director of the National Capital Planning Commission, and members of his staff (Mr. Hodges and Miss Small) gave a presentation in the auditorium on the plan for the Metropolitan Washington Area in the year 2000, and we entertained them afterward at lunch in the Director's dining room. In the course of our conversation, Mr. Conrad told me that they had several proposals being considered for the use of the Government-owned property in the Langley area and that the Patent Office wanted very much to build an office building to accommodate several thousand people out here. In the light of this information, I thought it wise to tell Mr. Conrad and his associates what we were thinking about in terms of additional construction at Langley.

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They take a general position that not more than about 2,000 additional Government employees should be located in the Langley area. If this position sticks, it would seem to me that we would have a very strong argument to reserve this capacity for us and not allow anyone else to come into the area. At least this is what I had in mind in advising Mr. Conrad about our thoughts.

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5. I met with [REDACTED] to discuss the format of our request, for presentation to our Congressional committees, to spend approximately \$200,000 for preliminary planning for additional construction at Langley. I asked them to expedite preparation of this material and to let either Mr. Lloyd or me know as soon as parts of it are available. In this connection, I also asked [REDACTED] to dig out and to update the information we prepared last year about the new functions taken on by the Agency during the past several years and its impact on manpower requirements, etc.

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6. Mr. Abersfeller, of GSA, Region 3, telephoned to ask whether I had reached a decision on the Downs property. I told him that I had and that we felt he should tell Mr. Hansbarger that there were no plans at present to acquire any additional property in the Langley area in the interests of security of CIA or for any other reasons. However, beyond this we should not and could not make any further commitment; hence, we could not give Mr. Hansbarger a definitive answer to his statement and even if we tried it would not be binding on the Government. Mr. Abersfeller was in complete agreement with this position. He also advised me that the Fallins and Sterretts had both contacted him to request that the Government pay their attorneys' fees which were incurred during our recent negotiations. He said that he was inclined to tell them that they had misunderstood him; that he had not said the idea of acquiring this property had been completely abandoned but merely postponed indefinitely. I suggested that this would only beg the question and that he should tell them that the Government had no responsibility for the attorneys which they hired and, in fact, the whole process would have been much simpler from the Government's point of view had we been able to deal with the owners rather than the attorneys. He agreed to do this.

7. John Bross telephoned and was somewhat upset about the memorandum I wrote to General Carter stating that we were going to have to forego \$3 million in normal procurement and could not replace \$12 million worth of paramilitary stock. John disagreed with the figures and said that no such figures had ever been submitted to him. I said that I had been assured these figures were correct, but if they weren't I certainly would like to correct them. I emphasized, however, that regardless of what the figure turned out to be I did want General Carter to know that we were not going to be able to meet our procurement responsibilities

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and that we could not go on supplying paramilitary equipment indefinitely unless our stock fund was replenished. John also suggested that we discuss this matter at the Financial Policy and Budget Committee meeting on Wednesday, 1 May, and perhaps it would be well for me to attend. I told him that I would reserve judgment as to whether I should attend or whether Gates and Hodges should, but I agreed that it would be a good idea to discuss it.

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8. Emmett Echols discussed with me the case of an FE Division employee who wanted to go [REDACTED] The Medical Staff and Emmett Echols thought that this was wrong. Emmett sought guidance as to whether we should defer judgment or dig our heels in. I told him that I would discuss the principle with General Carter.

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9. [REDACTED] advised me, with regard to the [REDACTED] case, that General Carter had sent Larry Houston a memorandum directing that he get

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11. I met with [REDACTED] from the Office of Security; [REDACTED] from the Office of Communications to discuss [REDACTED] Eyes Only memorandum of 25 April, subject: "DCI Installations". I emphasized the necessity of getting on with this work and asked them to advise me as soon as they reached some conclusion so that we could get together again. We either must have completed action or have a positive report ready for the Director when he returns.

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12. I reviewed with [REDACTED] my conversation of a few days ago with

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and we will have no difficulty in making the change as soon as he becomes the Director of Security.

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13. Emmett Echols was in to advise me that General [REDACTED] was restless and wanted to revert to retired status. I have discussed this with Larry Houston, Ting Sheldon, and General Carter and will suggest to Emmett that General [REDACTED] talk the whole matter over with Ting Sheldon.

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